

Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

Status of Claims

Claim 1-19 issued in U.S. Patent Number 5,873,073. Claim 20-53 were added in the re-issue application. Claims 22, 41 and 53 are cancelled. Thus claims 1-21, 23-40 and 42-52 are in the re-issue application. The amendment to Claim 1 is supported in line 16-38 of col. 1 of original U.S. Patent Application Number 5,873,073. The amendments to claim 20, 21, 23-40 and 42-52 are supported in original U.S. Patent Number 5,873,073 at least in line 16 of col. 3 – line 37 of col. 17.

The Examiner has indicated on page 2 of the June 7, 2007, Patent Office Action that the preliminary amendments of 5 June 2001, are non-compliant with 1.173 and have not been entered.

This amendment is a perfected amendment that corrects the format of the previous amendments. A review of the Official Grant of U.S. Patent No. 5,873,073 which is being reissued by this application indicated that the (.) periods in the prior amendments of this application i.e. claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19 after the term claim in the first line of the above claims were (,) commas not periods.

Claim 1 of the granted patent is being amended to correct the format by replacing a (;) semi colon with a , (comma) in two places in step (e).

The Examiner indicated that a "catch-up" or supplemental declaration under 37 CFR § 1.175(b)(1) should be submitted.

A Supplemental Declaration For Reissue To Correct "Errors" Statements was filled in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 20, 2007.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 15, 20, and 38 are allowable.

Claims 2-14 and 48 depend on claim 1 and claims 16-19 and 49 depend on claim 15. Claims 21-37 and 50 depend on claim 20 and claims 39-47 depend on claim 38. Claim 51 depends on claim 21.

Claims 22, 41 and 53 have been cancelled.

Thus claims 21-26, 23-40 and 42-52 should be allowed.

Please charge any additional fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 16-1885.

In view of the above applicant respectfully request that this application be passed to issues. If any questions should arise will the Examiner please call the undersigned at the telephone number noted below.

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